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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief, Contacts Division/00
FROM: Chief, Cover Division/50
SUBJECT: Request for Debriefing of Janis OZOLS

1. In confirmation of discussions held between Messrs. [] and [] of Contacts Division and Mr. [] of SR/50, it is requested that Contacts Division arrange to debrief Mr. Janis OZOLS of 9 Strathmore Blvd., Toronto Canada, telephone, Riverdale 4069.

2. Even though all pertinent factors have been discussed in great detail with Messrs. [] and [] we would like to recommend that OZOLS be debriefed on the following points:

- a. What is his relationship with Dr. Jakobsons, Gustave Celmins, E. Andersons, F. Rivins, and A. Sietumans. If he seems unaware of the involvement of any one of these persons in this case, we suggest that further reference to such person not be made.
- b. Is he in possession of a fairly recent letter from Latvia? Would he be willing to loan this letter to us for study; it will be promptly returned to Dr. []
- c. How was this letter obtained? Through whom? Who is the author? Can he furnish any biographic information on the author, as well as his present whereabouts.
- d. Dr. [] has indicated that OZOLS has made several trips to Latvia/Lithuania as a seaman. On several of these journeys Dr. [] claimed that OZOLS had contact with Latvians behind the iron curtain. We are interested in all details and a full account of such trips, particularly the name of the ship or ships and under what flag it sailed, when and how often did OZOLS meet Latvians in the Baltic states and the identity and addresses of his contacts, a description of the contents of all messages he carried to and from Latvia and the addressee of these messages, and the reason for the cessation of this activity.
- e. Does OZOLS belong to any particular group or organization which was either engaged in the transmission of clandestine messages to Latvia or which hopes to reestablish his activity in this field. Or is he interested in undertaking such

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courier activities on an individual basis for the American government? If he is or was a part of such group, it is requested that he furnish the groups personalities, its aims, organizational structure, and present and past scope of its activities.

- f. What are OZOLS future plans? Does he have any definite proposals? Must he clear all his commitments with anyone? If he is interested in undertaking to act as a courier to Latvia or as an agent designed to return to his country for an indefinite period of time, how does he propose this be accomplished? Would this be done for the U.S. government or for his organization if such exists?

3. It is fully realized that many more questions will develop as the interrogation progresses. Being unable to anticipate all that may transpire, we have merely outlined a course, the implementation thereof being completely dependent upon the acceptability and cooperation of OZOLS.

4. We would like to emphasize that no commitments of any kind be made to OZOLS and/or his organization. If any definite proposals be forthcoming he may be informed that the entire matter will be taken under advisement and will be subject to intense study and that he will be informed as to our decision in the matter. In case OZOLS is reluctant to reveal definite facts, names, places, and events, you may inform him that we are unable to support, reactive, and/or become involved in any type of activity regarding which we do not have all the pertinent data at our disposal.

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